

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An aqueous composition comprising:
 - a) a polymer having pendant crosslinking groups provided as polymer particles, said crosslinking groups selected from the group consisting of vinyl groups, acetoacetox groups, cyanoacetox groups, primary amine groups, and urea groups, said polymer particles comprising from 10 to 70 weight %, based on a weight of said polymer particles, of a first polymer phase and from 30 to 90 weight %, based on the weight of said polymer particles, of a second polymer phase; and
 - b) one or more unsaturated fatty acid esters;
wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters have an average iodine number of at least 50;
wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters comprise less than 10 weight % triethylenically unsaturated fatty acid ester based on the weight of said unsaturated fatty acid esters; and
wherein said aqueous composition comprises less than 5 weight % volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said polymer has a minimum film formation temperature of less than 25 °C.
4. (Currently Amended) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said unsaturated fatty ~~acids~~ ester acids are selected from the group consisting of esters of palmitoleic acid, oleic acid, caproic acid, linoleic acid, and mixtures thereof.
5. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 comprising less than 1.7 weight % of said volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition.
6. (Original) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said polymer having pendant crosslinking groups comprising as polymerized units, from 1 to 10 mole % crosslinking monomer, based on total polymerized monomer contained in said polymer having pendant crosslinking groups.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a nonyellowing crosslinked coating, comprising the steps of:
 - a) applying an aqueous composition onto a substrate; wherein said aqueous composition comprises:
 - 1) a polymer having pendant crosslinking groups provided as polymer particles, said crosslinking groups selected from the group consisting of vinyl groups,

acetoacetoxy groups, cyanoacetoxy groups, primary amine groups, and urea groups, said polymer particles comprising from 10 to 70 weight %, based on a weight of said polymer particles, of a first polymer phase and from 30 to 90 weight %, based on the weight of said polymer particles, of a second polymer phase; and

2) one or more unsaturated fatty acid esters;

wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters have an average iodine number of at least 50;

wherein said unsaturated fatty acid esters comprise less than 10 weight % triethylenically unsaturated fatty acid ester based on the weight of said unsaturated fatty acid esters; and

wherein said aqueous composition comprises less than 5 weight % volatile organic compounds based on weight of said aqueous composition;

b) drying or allowing to dry said aqueous composition applied to said substrate to prepare a dry coating; and

c) crosslinking or allowing to crosslink said dry coating in the presence of oxygen to provide said nonyellowing crosslinked coating.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7 comprising less than 1.7 weight % of said volatile organic compounds based on the weight of said aqueous composition.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 7 wherein said polymer has a minimum film formation temperature of less than 25 °C.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein said aqueous composition comprises from 0.1 to 3 weight % of said unsaturated fatty acid esters, based on the weight of said aqueous composition.

11. (New) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said first polymer phase comprises, as polymerized units:

0.1 to 10 weight % multiethylenically unsaturated monomer;

0 to 5 weight % acid monomer or amide-containing monomer; and

85 to 99.9 weight % of at least one other first polymer phase monomer, said other first polymer phase monomer not being a multiethylenically unsaturated monomer, an acid monomer, or an amide-containing monomer.

12. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said first polymer phase is substantially free of acetoacetoxy groups and cyanoacetoxy groups.

13. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said first polymer phase comprises a glass transition temperature of -30 °C to 100 °C.

14. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said second polymer phase comprises, as polymerized units:

1 to 20 weight % crosslinking monomer;

0 to 10 weight % acid monomer or amide-containing monomer; and

70 to 99 weight % of at least one other second polymer phase monomer, said other second polymer phase monomer not being a multiethylenically unsaturated monomer, an acid monomer, or an amide-containing monomer.

15. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said second polymer phase comprises a glass transition temperature of -10°C to less than 18°C .

16. (New) The aqueous composition according to claim 1 wherein said first polymer phase forms a core and said second polymer phase forms a shell.

17. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein said first polymer phase comprises, as polymerized units:

0.1 to 10 weight % multiethylenically unsaturated monomer;

0 to 5 weight % acid monomer or amide-containing monomer; and

85 to 99.9 weight % of at least one other first polymer phase monomer, said other first polymer phase monomer not being a multiethylenically unsaturated monomer, an acid monomer, or an amide-containing monomer.

18. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein said first polymer phase is substantially free of acetoacetoxy groups and cyanoacetoxy groups.

19. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein said first polymer phase comprises a glass transition temperature of -30°C to 100°C and said second polymer phase comprises a glass transition temperature of -10°C to less than 18°C .

20. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein said second polymer phase comprises, as polymerized units:

1 to 20 weight % crosslinking monomer;

0 to 10 weight % acid monomer or amide-containing monomer; and

70 to 99 weight % of at least one other second polymer phase monomer, said other second polymer phase monomer not being a multiethylenically unsaturated monomer, an acid monomer, or an amide-containing monomer.

21. (New) The method according to claim 7 wherein said first polymer phase forms a core and said second polymer phase forms a shell.